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SUBJECT: UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE TO ASK SRV ABOUT SELECT COMMITTEE VISIT

REF A BANGKOK 31583, B STATE 284893

1. UNHCR HANOI REP CASELLA CALLED ON EMBOFF NOVEMBER 22 TO SAY THAT HE RETURNING TO HANOI NOVEMBER 23 AND HOPED TO OBTAIN RESPONSE FROM SRV SHORTLY AS TO WHETHER HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON MIA COULD VISIT IN DECEMBER.

2. CASELLA SAID HE HAD SOUNDED OUT LAO AVIATION IN VIENTIANE ABOUT POSSIBILITY CHARTERING AIRCRAFT TO FLY TO HANOI AND BACK OUT TO BANGKOK WITHOUT TELLING LAO PURPOSE OF FLIGHT. HE SAID LAO TOLD HIM THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE PLANE. CASELLA THOUGHT THAT IF VIETNAMESE APPROVED CODEL VISIT, THEY WOULD WANT IT TO USE CHARTERED AIRCRAFT INSTEAD OF REGULAR AEROFLOT OR AIR VIETNAM FLIGHTS FROM AND TO VIENTIANE SINCE HE ASSUMED
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THAT IF CODEL DID GO TO HANOI VIETNAMESE WOULD GIVE

THEM A FEW REMAINS TO TAKE OUT AND WOULD PREFER THAT
THEY BE CARRIED ON CHARTERED AIRCRAFT RATHER THAN
REGULAR FLIGHT.

3. COMMENT: CASELLA APPEARS TO BE BASING HIS
CONTINGENCY PLANNING ON WHAT VIETNAMESE DID LAST
DECEMBER RATHER THAN ON ANY NEW INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT
THEY MIGHT DO NOW.
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